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Applicant : Cheng, Ray et al
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 22, 2004.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 22, 24 to 26 and 31 to 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Parker (Single Sign-On Systems – the Technologies and the Products”, 1995), in view of M2 Presswire (“Encommerce,” May 3, 2000, hereinafter “the M2 reference”). In response, please find enclosed Declarations of Ray C.H. Cheng, a named inventor for the present application, Michael Morgan, an officer of Entrust Limited, the current owner of the present application, and Allan Brett, the patent agent involved in preparing this application. These Declarations are submitted under 37 CFR 1.131 and clearly establish that the invention was made prior to date of the M2 reference cited by the Examiner, namely May 3, 2000 and that diligence was exercised from before that date to the filing date of the present application, namely June 26, 2000.

Please note that the Declaration of Allan Brett includes as Exhibit “H” further details that do establish that the claimed invention was conceived or reduced to practice prior to the date alleged. The Declaration of Allan Brett also refers to the invention having been conceived in Ottawa, Canada, a NAFTA and WTO member country.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the M2 reference cited by the

Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is no longer citable, as the present invention was made prior to the date of the reference, namely May 3, 2000, and that diligence was exercised thereafter until the filing of the present application on June 26, 2000. Accordingly, this renders the Examiner's obviousness rejections to the claims moot. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his objections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 23 and 27 to 30 have been found allowable.

The Examiner has noted in the response to arguments section of the Office Action that failure to traverse the official notice statement serves as evidence of Applicant's admission that the asserted features are in fact well known in the art. Applicant understands this to be the default position of the Patent Office as defined in the MPEP. In this case, in view of the fact that once the Parker reference was rendered uncitable by 37 CFR 1.131 Declaration, there is no need to provide detailed arguments in respect of the other issues raised by the Examiner since they are rendered moot. Applicant hereby makes a clear statement on the record that Applicant does not admit that the asserted features are in fact well known in the art.

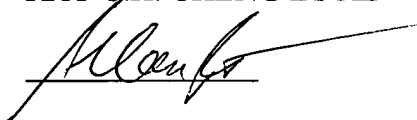
The invention was made by the inventor while in the employ of Entrust Technologies Limited, at their location in Ottawa, Canada, a NAFTA and WTO member country.

Favourable consideration and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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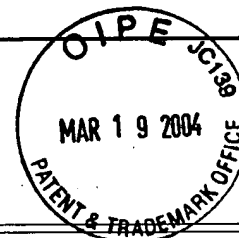
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Invention: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS PROVIDING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN MULTIPLE SERVERS AND AN END USER DEVICE**

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